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EXECUTIVE OFFICE

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The Honorable Kristi Noem
Secretary of Homeland Security
2707 Martin Luther King Jr Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20528-0525

Dear Secretary Noem,

Arizona is committed to securing our border and combating drug and human trafficking in our communities. As Governor, I've been proud to partner with local, state, and federal law enforcement officials on Task Force SAFE, which is stopping millions of fentanyl pills and thousands of pounds of drugs from flowing into our country. Additionally, your partnership on Operation Desert Guardian has been essential in our efforts to combat cartel operations in the State of Arizona. By working together to deliver on our shared goals, we are making substantial progress in securing the border and curtailing border-related crime.

Because of these actions and others, since January 20, 2021, the State of Arizona has appropriated and encumbered \$759,693,277.52 in border security-related expenses. In accordance with my statutory obligation under Arizona Revised Statutes § 26-105(E), and provisions in the recently passed H.R. 1 creating a \$12 billion grant program to reimburse states for border-related expenses incurred since the beginning of the Biden administration, I respectfully request that the federal government consider reimbursing Arizona for these expenses.

The attached spending summary provides an itemized list by year of each major program funded by the state in support of border security. These expenses include support for local law enforcement to combat border-related crimes, efforts to fight fentanyl addiction, and funding for the aforementioned cooperative operations stopping drugs at our ports of entry and combating cartel operations in our communities.

I thank you for your time and continued partnership as we move forward in our endeavors to serve our communities and this great nation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'K' followed by a long horizontal line that tapers to the right.

Katie Hobbs
Governor
State of Arizona